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INFO AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY
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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIS, PLOS, FJ
SUBJECT: SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERY AGENT - FISHERIES
TEAM TRAVEL

REF: (A) WELLINGTON 1971, (B) BUSBY/HOLMES TELCON 20 APRIL 78

1. IN LIGHT REFTEL A, TEAM BELIEVES VISIT TO GENEVA WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO MOVING NEGOTIATIONS ALONG. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS GENEVA LOS DEL HAS STRONG OBJECTIONS PROPOSE VISIT BE CANCELLED.
2. AT LUNCH 20 APRIL, NZ HIGH COMMISSIONER STATED PRIVATELY THAT GNZ WOULD LIKE TEAM TO VISIT WELLINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS IF POSSIBLE. HE ALSO EXPRESSED VIEWS THAT GENEVA MEETING APPEARED TO BE FRUITLESS ENDEAVOR. SUBSEQUENTLY EMBASSY WELLINGTON REPEATED REQUEST FOR TEAM VISIT IN REF B.

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3. AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER ALSO PRIVATELY EXPRESSED VIEWS THAT VISIT BY TEAM TO CANBERRA WOULD BE USEFUL TO GOA. HE IS CABLING CANBERRA FOR THEIR CONCURRENCE AND WILL CONTACT TEAM TOMORROW.

4. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, TEAM PROPOSES MODIFY SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

28 APRIL -- DEPT PT MORESBY 2:30 PM
30 APRIL -- ARRIVE CANBERRA 9:00 PM VIA TN 497
1 MAY -- CONSULT CANBERRA
1. MAY -- LEAVE CANBERRA 4:10 PM
1. MAY -- ARRIVE WELLINGTON 11:55 PM VIA TN 716
2. MAY -- CONSULT WELLINGTON
2 MAY -- LEAVE WELLINGTON 7:00 PM
3 MAY -- ARRIVE NADI 1:45 PM TE 144
3. MAY -- DEPART NADI 4:15 PM (CROSS DATE LINE)
2 MAY -- ARRIVE APIA 8:45 PM PH 546
3 MAY -- CONSULT APIA
4. MAY -- DEPART APIA 11:30 AM (CROSS DATE LINE)
5. MAY -- ARRIVE SUVA 11:55 MAM
RETURN WASHINGTON

5. COMMENT: PRELIMINARY IMPRESSION BASED ON LUNCH WITH HIGH COMMISSIONERS OF NZ, AUSTRALIAN, UK AND FRENCHCHARGE, IS TO CONCUR WITH COMMENT IN REF A. SITUATION IS OBVIOUSLY QUITE FLUID AND WE ARE CONCERNED THAT BEEBE'S UNDERSTANDABLE PRE-OCCUPATION WITH OTHER MATTERS HAS REMOVED CATALYST FOR MOVING NEGOTIATIONS TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. IN ABSENCE OF STRONG LEADER (EITHER BEEBE OR SOMEONE ELSE) BASICALLY SYMPATHETIC TO U.S. PARTICIPATION IN SPRFA, OPPONENTS OF U.S. COULD INFLUENCE ENOUGH ISLAND GOVERNMENTS TO DECIDE TO EXCLUDE U.S. FROM AGENCY, OR CONCEIVABLY PLACE WHOLE EFFORT IN DOUBT. CONSEQUENTLY, BELIEVE CONCERTED EFFORT IN REGION IS MOST EFFECTIVE WAY FOR

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U.S. TO ADVANCE ITS INTERESTS. VISIT TO WESTERN SAMOASEEMS IN ORDER SINCE THEY WERE ONE OF OUR STRONGEST SUPPORTERS IN NOVEMBER MEETING, AND ARE FAIRLY STRONG VOICE IN FORUM. WE ARE BY-PASSING TONGA DUE TO ACT THAT THEIR ROLE HAS BEEN LIMITED, AND NAURU BECAUSE OF LOGISTICAL DIFFICULTIRES AS WELL AS UN-SETTLED POLITICAL SITUATION THERE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPT. CONCURRENCE FOR SCHEDULE MODIFICATION. IF AFFIRMATIVE, REQUEST POSTS MAKE ARRANGEMENTS AS APPROPRIATE FOR HOTELS AND APPOINTMETNS WITH OFICIALS. ALSO, IF AFFIRMATIVE REQUEST DEPT. MODIFY BUSBY AND COLSON'S TRAVEL ORDERS TO REFLECT NEW SCHEDULE AND FORWARD ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTING DATA IF NECESSARY. REQUEST DEPT. PASS THIS INFO TO COMMERCE/NMFS IN ORDER THAT NMFS MAY MODIFY TRAVEL ORDERS OF RICHARD SHOMURA.

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